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## Balandran named director of Interstate Compact

Ernestina 'Tina' Balandran has been selected to be director of TDCJ's Interstate Compact for Probation and Parole Supervision, effective February 1, 2018.

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Balandran has more than 25 years of experience with TDCJ, beginning her agency career as a clerk with the Parole Division. She advanced through several job positions, and most recently worked as Program Supervisor V with the Reentry and Integration Division.

Pamela Thielke, director of TDCJ's Parole Division, congratulated Balandran on her



Tina Balandran

selection, saying "Tina's commitment to the TDCJ along with her strong skill set and integrity, will serve the agency well."

Balandran holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Huston-Tillotson University, and is working toward an advanced degree in Criminal Justice Leadership and Management at Sam Houston State University.